



The REL Southeast at The SERVE Center @ UNCG  
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Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina

## Agenda

Connecting Research to Practice: Dropout Prevention Strategies and Practices

October 4, 2010

Hilton-Walt Disney World Resort

Orlando, Florida

**12:30 – 1:00 p.m.**

### **Registration**

**1:00 – 1:15 p.m.**

### **Welcome & Introductions**

- Kathleen Dufford-Meléndez, REL Southeast
- Kimberly Davis, Director of Dropout Prevention, Florida Department of Education (FLDOE)

*Dr. Davis will describe how this event fits into the efforts of the Florida Department of Education. Ms. Dufford-Meléndez will provide an overview of the day and share information about the REL Network, IES Practice Guides, and Regional Educational Laboratory Southeast work.*

**1:15 – 2:15 p.m.**

### **Effective Dropout Prevention Strategies**

**Introduction of Presenter** – Dr. Patricia McClure, REL-SE

- **Keynote Presenter** – Dr. Russell Rumberger, University of California-Santa Barbara

*Dr. Rumberger will review the IES Practice Guide, Dropout Prevention, and will review research recommendations, roadblocks, and potential solutions.*

**2:15 – 2:45 p.m.**

### **Group Discussion**

- **Facilitator** – Kathleen Dufford-Meléndez, REL-SE

*Participants will discuss to what degree their current dropout prevention efforts align with the recommendations. Guiding questions:*

*--Which of the recommendations do you currently have in place?*

*--If the recommendation is not currently in place, what is the feasibility of implementation?*

**2:45 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Break**

**3:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

**Monitoring Student Engagement/Disengagement**

- ***Presenter*** – Dr. James Appleton, Coordinator of Research and Evaluation, Gwinnett County, Georgia

**4:30 – 4:45 p.m.**

**Review of the Day**

*REL-SE staff will facilitate a review of the day and provide available resources.*

*Administer Participant Feedback Survey.*

**4:45 p.m.**

**Adjourn**